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In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

PIRRUNG et al

Atty. Ref.: 1579-373

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Serial No.: 09/871,691

Group Art Unit: 1641

Filed: June 4, 2001

Examiner: Tran, M.

For: A METHOD OF ATTACHING A BIOPOLYMER TO A SOLID SUPPORT

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April 16, 2003

SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Supplementing the response filed April 14, 2003, in the above, enclosed are the two Declarations referenced in that response.

Specifically, attached is a Declaration Under Rule 131 that is believed to moot the rejection under 35 USC 102(e) as it makes clear that the claimed invention was made prior to the earliest filing date of Zhao et al. Also attached is a Declaration that is believed to remove the Pirrung et al publication as a reference and thus moots the rejection under 35 USC 102(a).

It will be apparent from both Declarations that Janice D. Davis is now Janice D. Worden.

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This application is submitted to be in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon.

☐ Correspondence Address Indication Form Attached.

**Fees are attached as calculated below:**

Total effective claims after amendment 0 minus highest number  
previously paid for 20 (at least 20) = 0 x \$ 18.00 \$ 0.00

Independent claims after amendment 0 minus highest number  
previously paid for 3 (at least 3) = 0 x \$ 84.00 \$ 0.00

If proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, add \$280.00 (ignore improper) \$ 0.00

Petition is hereby made to extend the current due date so as to cover the filing date of this  
paper and attachment(s) (\$110.00/1 month; \$410.00/2 months; \$930.00/3 months) \$ 0.00

Terminal disclaimer enclosed, add \$ 110.00 \$ 0.00

☐ First/second submission after Final Rejection pursuant to 37 CFR 1.129(a) (\$750.00) \$ 0.00

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☐ Submission attached

**Subtotal \$ 0.00**

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☐ Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☐ Statement filed herewith

Rule 56 Information Disclosure Statement Filing Fee (\$180.00) \$ 0.00

Assignment Recording Fee (\$40.00) \$ 0.00

Other: 0.00

**TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED \$ 0.00**

\* The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Account No. 14-1140. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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